

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith in a separate paper. Upon entry of the attached amendment, Claims 1-5 are pending for consideration.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to recite that “there are no supporting elements within the through holes other than the adhesive agent.” Contrary to this feature, Hishi discloses protruding parts 15a, 15b which project from element 15, and that “the adhesive is packed in the gap between the protruding parts 15a, 15b and the through holes 13a, 13b” For at least this reason, Hishi does not anticipate claims 1 or 2, or claim 2’s dependent claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claim 4 is amended to correct a grammatical error.

For at least the above reasons, Applicant submits that independent claim 1, independent claim 2 and its dependent claims 3-5 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1-5 is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION


It is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully request a telephonic or in-person interview with the undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues and to expedite the eventual allowance of the claims.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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